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SUBJ: TURKISH WITHDRAWAL FROM WINTEX 75 EXERCISE

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1. WHILE TURKISH MILITARY LEADERSHIP' GENERAL IRRITATION
OVER U.S. MILITARY AID CUT-OFF MAY HAVE INDIRECTLY
CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM WINTEX 75, WE BELIEVE
PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THIS DECISION WAS DISSATISFACTION
WITH EXERCISE'S SCENARIO. TURKISH MILITARY LEADERS HAVE
APPARENTLY EQUATED REJECTION OF THEIR PROPOSALS ON SCENARIO
WITH NATO REFUSAL TO FACE PROBLEMS IN AEGEAN CREATED BY
GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM INTEGRATED STRUCTURE. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT IN ISTANBUL PLANNING MEETING LAST WEEK TURKS INDICATED
THAT THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEEP FURROW/BOSPHOROUS
EXPRESS EXERCISES UNLESS AN AEGEAN NAVAL PHASE WAS

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INCLUDED.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT SHARE ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON'S VIEW THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM WINTEX 75 IS AMONG GRADUATED, PHASED REACTIONS TO U.S. MILITARY "EMBARGO." (SCENARIO OF TURKISH REACTIONS NOTED BY ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON IS ONE OF SEVERAL BRUIED ABOUT ANKARA AND SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN GREAT WEIGHT. PRIME MINISTER IRMAK HAS RECENTLY REAFFIRMED GOT'S INTENTION TO REMAIN IN NATO.) WE BELIEVE DE STAERCKE HIT NAIL ON HEAD WHEN HE SAID THAT "TURKS WERE IMPATIENT AND BEHAVING IN THEIR TYPICAL STUBBORN, STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER WHICH MAKES THEM SUCH VALUABLE ALLIES."

3. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATIONS THAT TURKS WOULD WISH POSTPONE SACEUR VISIT AND BELIEVE COURSE RECOMMENDED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY PANSA (PARA 9 REFTTEL) IS WISE ONE.
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